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Dear Gabrielle,

It was thoughtful of Rudi and you, of him to remember my liking of those excellent little cigars, and of you to take the time to send them to me.

As it happened, the timing was excellent, too.

They came on a day of exasperations. My instant reaction was Ah! Rudi has ESP!

I smoked one immediately. It helped ease the tensions and I decided to nurse them for this purpose. Each time I took one I smiled to myself, pleased that Rudi had remembered and sent them and that you had taken that time.

They came the day I awakened with a heavy cold apparently induced by compressed air that was too dry fed into my nose by a rather nifty little air compressor through a flexible tube and a mask that when it fits directs the air into the nose only. It is a modern gismo called C-PAC and it is for those who have sleep apnea, as I do. It is used only during sleep, when the apnea is the problem. It means no breathing. With the cold I cannot use it. The doctor has ordered a humidifier attachment the medical supply house will bring soon and then perhaps I'll be able to sleep more and with less risk.

Although this cold has meant even less sleep and I'm more tired I have been able to work - on a book with the tentative title, "Twenty-Eight Years of Silence." This comes not from Gabriel Garcia Marquez but from the first of a series of rather big lies by the editor of The Journal of the American Medical Association. You may remember the press conference he held in New York May 19 to defend the Warren Commission and the autopsy pathologists. He had trouble telling the truth even by accident.

So, in what I think of as intellectual judo, I'm using him, them and that issue as the skeleton for telling the truth in a different way, with documents some of which you have seen. I've rough drafts, and I fear they are very rough, of just about all other than taking those articles point by point, as I did with the Report in my first book, and proving he was worse than wrong- he lied.

This was quite exceptional for the AMA. It also was very wrong. I think that if and when this book is published, aside from what it will says that has never been said this way about the JFK assassination and its investigations it should make for a real scandal within the AMA.

I'm trouble by the writing but not about the fact or content. I have a chapter, "Dirty Linen," in which I assemble unseen documents that leave it without question that the crime was never investigated or intended to be along with other such unusual official

records that reveal so much. I think it should ne newsworthy but the uncritical aceeptance of that strange and unusual press conference tells me that the attidude of the major media is not changed.

If you did not keep up with that and on the chance that it might be of interest to Rudi, at his press conference the Journal's editor, a pathologist himself, said that the apthologists, no-shows, had broken their "twenty-eight years of silence." I've done the chapter that ticks off all their inetrviews and TV appearagnes of those 28-years of silence! along with what I want to use of what they then said.

It is at times like this that I've regretted suffering the Wordsworthian curse of being the first. It has mean no agent and no publisher. Right now I'd love to have a publisher with a good editor. I think he'd wind up quite happy.

I did not intend to ramble like this!

Thanks again.

Our best wishes to you both,

Harold